

June 1, 2006

Commissioner Michael Menge Alaska Department of Natural Resources Office of Project Management and Permitting, Juneau office 400 Willoughby Ave, Ste 500 Juneau, AK 99801 (delivered to OPMP, Jackie Brock)

Dear Commissioner Menge,

Enclosed please find two CDs with all required documents for submitting the June 2006 Yakutat Coastal Management Plan, final draft plan amendment. Changes to this document, in response to the Office of Project Management and Permitting (OPMP) March 2006 preliminary findings and conclusions and a subsequent May 27 meeting with OPMP staff include:

## THE PLAN

- There are now about 15 pages of new narrative and graphics to respond to OPMP questions and address the matters of local concern test for various topics.
- All footers, page numbers etc are updated. It is now the June 2006 Plan.

## DESIGNATIONS

No designations are on federal land.

## MAPS

- The 3 maps that show Designations (important habitat, cultural resources, subsistence) are clearly labeled for 'Designated Areas'. The other maps are now all inventory maps (though some designated areas described in narrative can be seen on these inventory maps- e.g. in recreation). Language in relevant sections throughout the plan has been revised and edited so that there are no referrals to any designated areas on federal land.
- There are now 2 inventory maps for subsistence that show it wherever it is for all resources harvested (fig 21 and fig 22). Then, maps series 23a-g and 24a-g are Subsistence Designations that only show subsistence use on non-federal land.

• Maps that had some kind of change done to them are: 3, 5, 10, 12, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23a-g, 24 a-g, 25, 26 and 27

## **POLICIES**

- We believe we have made all changes agreed to at our Mat 27 OPMP meeting.
- The policy justification statements are strengthened throughout the policy section (and we eliminated Appendix 3 which had been a copy of Yakutat's September 2005 letter to OPMP, because relevant parts have now been excerpted into the plan text and policy justification statements.)

Please accept this for final Department of Natural Resource approval.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to completing the Yakutat Coastal Management Plan update process.

Sincerely,

Frank L. Ryman

Planner, city and Borough of Yakutat

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